- Plantation schemes funded by UP Forest Corporation.
- National Afforestation Programme (Central Govt. funded)
- Revine Stabilization Project (European Community).

(d) The financial allocation for plantations in UP for 2004-2005 is Rs. 5190.06 lakhs.

Creation of Forest Development Agencies for Wasteland Afforestation

1659. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that green cover area in the country is depleting year after year;

(b) if so, the area under green cover during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether various schemes with Central Grants have been proposed for conservation and augmentation of forest cover;

(d) if so, the details with grants released during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(e) whether Karnataka Government has requested for financial support for creation of Forest Development Agencies for wastelands afforestation, bamboo development programme, etc., through Village Forests Committees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):(a) and (b) No Sir. Forest Survey of India assesses the forest cover of the country on a two-year cycle using satellite data. As per the last three State of Forest Reports of 1997, 1999 and 2001, the forest cover in the country has shown an overall increase as under:

Assessment Year	Forest Cover	per cent
1997	633,397 km2	19.27%
1999	637,293 km2	19.39%
2001	675,538 km2	20.55%

(c) Yes, Sir. There are various centrally sponsored schemes under implementation for this purpose.

(d) The details of Central Grants released to States and Union Territories under various schemes; year-wise and State-wise is given in the Statement (*See* below)

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Centre has sanctioned 35 projects out of 41 submitted by the Karnataka Government under Forest Development Agency (FDA), for Rs. 98.79 crores to treat 50,530 hectare land through 1258 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC). The Karnataka Government has also submitted a project regarding bamboo development programme entitled "Bamboo Resource Development in Karnataka" which has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for funding.

Statement

State-wise & year-wise details of the Central Grants released during the last 5 years

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
1	Andhra Pradesh	506.792	860.062	1113.510	1117.725	1311.200
2	Arunachal Pradesh	203.923	369.967	1291.855	894.930	729.796
3	Assam	347.720	1537.885	501.650	720.435	990.780
4	Bihar	681.842	328.097	402.880	322.390	551.490
5	Chhattisgarh	0.000	154.500	533.900	863.505	1496.190
6	Goa	39.125	60.450	155.320	49.420	170.450
7	Gujarat	1132.345	1407.600	1295.200	1392.945	694.890
8	Haryana	392.970	485.170	1342.730	1146.750	860.060
9	Himachal Pradesh	330.730	444.135	647.255	211.253	938.960
10	Jammu & Kashmir	573.490	539.630	986.685	719.150	969.600
11	Jharkhand	0.000	109.230	358.480	263.060	1149.613

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12	Karnataka	1814.210	1429.640	2447.922	3670.907	2741.940
13	Kerala	1030.129	1392.397	1439.970	629.118	1094.990
14	Madhya Pradesh	1992.593	1955.792	3666.259	3061.482	2826.139
15	Maharashtra	444.225	906.296	774.819	1465.910	1634.690
16	Manipur	689.815	1596.244	475.650	304.500	565.800
17	Meghalaya	30.890	182.870	628.020	81.250	157.070
18	Mizoram	425.978	570.520	893.965	1798.500	2152.170
19	Nagaland	99.170	243.455	818.970	1415.310	1178.700
20	Orissa	666.860	1112.980	1182.265	1637.840	1151.260
21	Punjab	40.190	51.390	103.400	25.000	174.000
22	Rajasthan	1123.975	1573.915	1219.599	1726.103	1125.750
23	Sikkim	293.340	566.240	1059.320	867.390	616.920
24	Tamil Nadu	287.000	448.885	494.033	1214.370	1865.760
25	Tripura	82.99	770.030	817.410	1115.010	658.260
26	Uttar Pradesh	1229.580	689.735	1188.175	2358.110	2740.955
27	Uttaranchal	0.000	427.290	745.225	578.055	1028.300
28	West Bengal	1227.690	1104.500	1829.421	1041.860	1400.570

Input prices

1660. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that input prices of wheat, sugar, vanaspati etc. have gone up at an alarming rate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this has forced the food processing industries to rethink the production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?